| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30. | Delhi | 290 | 297 | 429 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| | Total (UTs) | 317 | 326 | 463 |
| | Total (All India) | 16414 | 16453 | 18880 |

**Marine Sanctuaries**

5833. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :

Will the Ministerof ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Olive Ridleys turtles and Dolphins have become victims of increasing activities of the trawlers in the Orissa Coast:

(b) if so, whether the Government proposed to declare the Chilka Lake and entire GAHIRMATHA coast in Orissa as a "marine sanctuary" to protect the rare marine species and make it compulsory for trawlers to have turtle excluder device?

(c) if so, the present position of the project;

(d) the amount earmarked for the purpose; and

(e) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to declare the Gahirmatha area as a marine sanctuary is under active consideration of the Government. The issue of a notification under the marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972 (MPEDA-ACT) requiring all shrimp vessels in the area to use Tutle Excluder Devices (TED) is under consideration in the Ministry of Commerce.

(c) to (e) No amount has been earmarked for the purpose, and no time limit fixed.

*[Translation]*

**Disappearance of Married Women**

5834. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reaction of the Government to the incidents of disappearance of married women under the mysterious circumstances;

(b) whether there have been reports of harassment of married woemn by their in-laws for dowry;

(c) if so, the number of women reported missing in each State during 1996-97 and till date, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The Government views with great concern the incidents of atrocities on women in different parts of the country.

'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

Available information about the incidence of 'kidnapping and abduction' and 'cruelty by husband and his relatives' during 1996 and 1997 is enclosed as Statement.

***Statement***

*Incidence of crimes committed against women during 1996 (State-UT-wise)*

| Sl. No. | State/UT | Kidnapping & Abduction | Cruelty by husband & his relatives | Remarks (Figs are upto the Month of) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | **States** | | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 534 | 2388 | November |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 13 | 0 | Sept. |
| 3. | Assam | 600 | 236 | November |
| 4. | Bihar | NA | NA | - |
| 5. | Goa | 10 | 12 | |
| 6. | Gujarat | 599 | 1910 | |
| 7. | Haryana | 373 | 485 | |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 131 | 211 | |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | 127 | 0 | August |
| 10. | Karnataka | 332 | 1383 | |
| 11. | Kerala | 167 | 881 | November |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 1561 | 2057 | |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 940 | 8589 | |
| 14. | Manipur | 53 | 2 | |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 0 | 0 | February |